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Mr. Philip L. Graham
President and Publisher
The Washington Post
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Dear Mr. Graham:

I have just read the editorial entitled "Test for Civil Rights Bills" carried in today's edition of The Washington Post and Times Herald, and I wanted to let you know that my associates and I appreciate your favorable remarks concerning the assistance we have rendered in connection with the recent bombing incidents across the Nation.

In addition, it would appear that your paper's position as to corrective measures is well taken. As you are aware, we have maintained over the years that problems of this nature can best be handled on a local level while, at the same time, we make whatever facilities and services we have available to local and state authorities. Certainly, it is a matter which should receive meticulous consideration before any wholesale changes are made.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 - Mr. Nease
1 - Mr. Rosen

NOTE: Letter of same date being sent to [redacted] who was in contact with Mr. Nease regarding this matter. Copies of the editorial are being sent to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Walsh, Assistant Attorney General Andersen, Assistant Attorney General Wilkey, Assistant Attorney General White and Luther A. Huston, Director of Public Information. This is being handled separately.

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